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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/089,329	Applicant(s) Wu et al.
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Period for Reply		
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication. - If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely. - If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication. - Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). - Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b). 		
Status		
1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Responsive to communication(s) filed on <u>Jun 25, 2002</u>		
2a) <input type="checkbox"/> This action is FINAL . 2b) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This action is non-final.		
3) <input type="checkbox"/> Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under <i>Ex parte Quayle</i> , 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.		
Disposition of Claims		
4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Claim(s) <u>3-27</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> are pending in the application.		
4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is/are withdrawn from consideration.		
5) <input type="checkbox"/> Claim(s) _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is/are allowed.		
6) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Claim(s) <u>3-27</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is/are rejected.		
7) <input type="checkbox"/> Claim(s) _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is/are objected to.		
8) <input type="checkbox"/> Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.		
Application Papers		
9) <input type="checkbox"/> The specification is objected to by the Examiner.		
10) <input type="checkbox"/> The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are a) <input type="checkbox"/> accepted or b) <input type="checkbox"/> objected to by the Examiner. <i>Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).</i>		
11) <input type="checkbox"/> The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) <input type="checkbox"/> approved b) <input type="checkbox"/> disapproved by the Examiner. <i>If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.</i>		
12) <input type="checkbox"/> The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.		
Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120		
13) <input type="checkbox"/> Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).		
a) <input type="checkbox"/> All b) <input type="checkbox"/> Some* c) <input type="checkbox"/> None of: 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Certified copies of the priority documents have been received. 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____. 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)). <i>*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.</i>		
14) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).		
a) <input type="checkbox"/> The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.		
15) <input type="checkbox"/> Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.		
Attachment(s)		
1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)		
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)		
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DETAILED ACTION

Claims 3-27 are pending in this application.

Priority

Applicant's claim for priority from the PCT/US00/27503 and the U.S. Provisional application 60/158,660 is acknowledged. However, the PCT application and the provisional application upon which priority is claimed fail to provide adequate support under 35 U.S.C. 112 for claims 14-21, 24-25 and 27 of this application. See the rejection of 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph below. Accordingly, this application is not eligible to the benefit of earlier filing dates and the effective filing date is June 25, 2002.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claims 14-21, 24-25 and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

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In claims 14 and 27, it is recited that "R₁ and R₂ can be taken together to form a fused heterocyclic ring, a fused aromatic ring, a fused heteroaromatic ring with the 3-aminodihydouracil or 3-aminodihydrothiouracil ring". This statement is not adequately supported by the specification. The specification on page 4, lines 18-20 provides that:

When n is 1, R₁ and the member carbon atom adjacent to the carbon atom containing R₂ may instead together form a ring system; said ring system being carbocyclic ring, heterocyclic ring, or heteroaromatic ring.

As per the specification, R₁ and the adjacent carbon atom together may form a ring system and not R₁ and R₂ together. The exemplified compound at page 8, lines 5-7 also shows wherein R₁ and the adjacent carbon together form a ring.

The generic disclosure nor the examples provide any support for the above mentioned subject matter. Therefore, it is concluded that the claims contain subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 3-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as

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the invention. Claims 3 and 14 do not provide a definition for the variable ' R ' which is present in the amino acid ester formula.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

1. Claims 14-21 and 24-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Wu et al., (Tetrahedron Letters, 41(8), pages 1159-63, 2000). The instant claims read on reference disclosed process, see reaction scheme 1 in page 1160 wherein the hydrazine compound 3 is reacted with amino acid ester 4 to give the corresponding 3-aminodihydrouracil product 6.
2. Claim 27 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Wu et al., (Tetrahedron Letters, 41(8), pages 1165-69, 2000). The instant claims read on reference disclosed process, see the reaction scheme in Fig. 1 on page 1166.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 3-13 and 26 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

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Receipt is acknowledged of the International Search Report and the cited references have been fully considered.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Deepak Rao whose telephone number is (703) 305-1879. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Friday from 6:30am to 5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dr. Mukund Shah, can be reached on (703) 308-4716. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 308-4556.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1235.


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September 30, 2003